

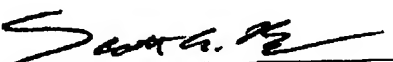
REMARKS

The courtesy of the Examiner in granting the undersigned attorney a telephonic interview on December 21, 2005 is gratefully acknowledged. During that interview, the mailing of an Advisory Action on today's date was discussed. Also during that interview, the Examiner agreed with the undersigned attorney that the DE 196 26 903 reference does not disclose an integrally formed inflator assembly, but rather a separate cartridge 13 which is disposed within the interior of a beam 4. Support for this finding was found in the translation of the DE 196 26 903 reference, 7th paragraph, stating:

"In further training of the invention a common blowing up mechanism can be intended for both air bags, which - in actually well-known way - when a cartridge slid into a hollow cross beam can be trained. The cross beam must be provided then with openings, be located in connection with the mouthpiece of the air bags arranged in both mounting plates."

Thus, claim 1 is not anticipated by the DE 196 26 903 reference.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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